MTNL Services to attend the complaints in Bombay

1729. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are no MTNL Services in Bombay to attend the complaints on Sundays and other holidays; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to improve the attendence of complaints on all days for essential services like the telephone?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) An emergency fault repair service has been functioning from 1-11-89 with a lineman present in all telephone exchange buildings after the office hours and on Sundays as well as on closed holidays. The emergency fault repair service caters to emergency attention of telephone faults pertaining to special lines and human emergency cases during the closed hours of the regular fault repair service.

Number of Telephone Exchanges in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh

1730. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
KUMARI ALIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of telephone exchanges functioning at present in various districts of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh and locations thereof;

(b) what is the capacity of these telephone exchanges;

(c) whether Government propose to set up more telephone exchanges during the next year; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) The total number of telephone exchanges (as on 30-9-91) functioning in Uttar Pradesh is 1252 and in Madhya Pradesh is 1276. The details with regard to district-wise location and capacity of each exchange are being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir. New Exchanges are opened whenever a minimum demand of 10 is registered at a place. In larger cities, new exchanges are opened keeping in mind waiting list and geographical area required to be served. Based on these, new exchanges in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh will be opened in 1992-93.

Government's difficulties in controlling Satellite Signals

1731. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
KUMARI ALIA:

Will the MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is facing difficulties in controlling the unwanted satellite signals; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to solve the problem?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Appointment of Telephone Advisory Committee for Goa

1732. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of non-functioning of two Telephone Advisory Committees appointed for Goa in January, 1992 due to non-cooperations and resentment by the concerned officials; and

(b) if so, whether they have called for the explanation from these officials and disciplinary action taken for non-compliance ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) Sir, the Chief General Manager, Maharashtra Circle had asked for some clarifications regarding the two Telecom Advisory Committees for Goa and Panjim. The Chief General Manager has, now, been asked to hold the meetings of both the Telecom Advisory Committees.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Complaint against payment of NSS amount on Maturity

1733. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received complaints in Mohan Nagar (Ghaziabad), U.P., regarding mode of payment of NSS amount on maturity ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof :

(c) whether Government have also received complaints regarding non-issue of receipts for Income Tax deductions from the NSS amounts ; and

(d) if so, what orders Government propose to issue in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) One complaint of this nature was received.

(d) The existing instructions on the subject are considered to be adequate. According to these instructions, any deduction of income tax made from an amount payable in an NSS Account is noted down by the Post Office counter assistant in the pass book of the depositor.

Sanction of Telephones under Ministers Discretionary Quota

1734. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total number of telephone connections sanctioned so far under his discretionary power since August, 1991 ;

(b) what is the number both of them that were sanctioned on the recommendations of Members of Parliament ; and

(c) what is the number of telephone connection sanctioned from the quota of Members of Parliament July, 1991 ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) The total number of telephone connections sanctioned under discretionary powers since August 1991 to April 1992, is 21,355. Out of this, 10,013 telephone connections were sanctioned on the recommendations of M.Ps including their quota. A large number of the remaining telephones have been sanctioned at the recommendations of Ex M.Ps, MLAs and other VIPs.

(c) A total number of 7,712 telephone connections have been sanctioned from 1991 M.Ps quota since July 1991 to April 1992.

With effect from 1-1-1992, powers to sanction telephone connections on out of turn priority basis from M.Ps' quota, have been delegated to Chief General Managers, Telecom Circles of respective States. As such, No. of telephone sanctioned by the Chief General Managers from 1992 quota of the M.P's i.e. 1-1-1992 till date is not included in the information given in (a) & (b) above.

Sanction of telephone connection from M.Ps. Quota

1735. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total number of telephone connections sanctioned from the